

From the St. Louis Transcript.
The Husking Party.

Farewell the jolly husking night—
The merry after-scenes;
When Indian pudding smoked beside
A giant pot of beans. 2. G. WILHELM.

We like to recur occasionally to the customs and pastimes of our ancestors. Talk as we may of the gay masquerade, and the fashionable ball, where beauty and elegance and refinement float down the dance to the soft music like the lovely creations of a dream—the embodied spirits of joy, and light, and music—who is there that will not turn a longing and a lingering glance upon the simple amusements of other times—when pastimes went hand in hand with usefulness. We know that these may, at first view, appear rude and forbidding—that the sensibilities of the fashionables of the present generation would be shocked at the bare idea of a quilting frolic, an apple paring, or a husking party.

The husking party takes place in those long bright evenings of autumn, when the harvest moon is up among the stars, and the streams and the hills and the old forest trees brightening in its beautiful illumination. A group of happy kind hearted beings of all ages and sexes, from the fair young girl down to the grey-haired old man, are assembled around the fruits of their neighbor's industry—the long and heavy piles of Indian corn, gathered from the field with its covering of husks. The whole length of the ample barn floor is lined with the huskers, who, after a few preliminary jokes, betake themselves zealously to their task.

The presence of females in such a group will, no doubt, be objected to. But wherefore? Ask the grey-haired yeoman if, in the days of his boyhood it was deemed improper, or inconsistent with the dignity and delicacy of their character, for his female companions to join their brothers and their neighbors in an evening's amusement of this nature. They would smile at the impropositeness. The assembly is not one of strangers, where doubt and apprehension set every head and fetter every movement, but those who have lived together as children of one family, and have met each other at all times, and all places—in the kitchen or in the parlor, the field or workshop, with the same frank smile of welcome. And pray where in the heart of mirth and pleasure, tempered as they are here with more unstudied and natural modesty? There can be none. The parties have no mingling in the hollow world, and learned to tamper with the hearts best feeling, to curl the lip at sincerity, and betake without scruple, the confidence of the sitless and unsuspecting. The girl who seats herself at the husking, and the lively frank-hearted youth beside her have no sentimental, novel-borrowed nonsense to exchange. They have never read and sighed over the pernicious pages of Moore and Byron or looked on unpublishedly at an immodest theatrical representation. On the contrary, they have drawn their beautiful ideas of love and friendship from the praiseworthy examples and maxims of their ancestors; and consequently the vicissitudes of life—its alternate lights and shadows, are met without that bitter disappointment which follows so closely upon the dreams of the romantic and idle visionary.

Ah—there is mirth, life, jollity, in your genuine husking party! The huskers ply their tongues as busily as their hands, while engaged in their pleasant task. Stories are related, songs are sung, jokes are passed, and soft words are spoken. Imagine to yourself, reader, the sight of a long row of fine healthily looking girls, with glowing countenances and bright eyes, and sweet smiles. Depend upon it, there is nothing like a sensible, good natured romp of a country girl—one who will play "hide and seek," and "blind man's buff," with you, but who would cuff your ears in indignation should you address her in language which more refined ladies would listen to with complaisance.—During the process of husking, if a red ear of corn is found by any of the ladies, she is liable to receive a kiss from one of the company. She, of course, hands the ear to her favorite beau, who readily understands the signal, and acts accordingly. The red cheek is sure to be redder before he leaves it. After the task is finished, the company adjourn to the house—a supper is provided—and after partaking of it, the parties separate for their respective homes. But the genuine husking parties, we grieve to say it, are now rarely heard of. They have lost the spirit which enlivened them—a false refinement has broken in upon their pleasant amusement; and bright eyes and fair hands no longer figure at a husking.

Going to Kill.—A person having occasion to notify a doctor to visit his wife, said to him as he was about stepping into his chaise—"Now, doctor, you'll drive on to kill, won't you?" "Yes, certainly," replied the doctor.

MARRIAGES.

On the 16th inst., by Rev. S. C. Rutherford, Mr. LANDY BARNARD, to Miss SARAH H. SCANLAND, all of this county:

At Painesville, Ohio, on Tuesday April 30, by Rev. Mr. Clark, of Willoughby, John W. Howden to Elizabeth M., daughter of Benjamin Adams, Esq., of Painesville.

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Rail Road Accident.—We regret to state that on Saturday night last between 9 and 10 o'clock, the train of cars which left this city for Philadelphia and train which left Philadelphia the same afternoon, came in collision at Hall's Roads, four miles south of Hayde de Grace. The concussion was very violent. Mr. Cooper, from Reading, Pa., a passenger in the Baltimore train, we regret to learn, was severely injured by having his back sprained and being otherwise considerably bruised, so that his recovery is somewhat doubtful. A breakman, named John Russell, of Wilmington, Del., was killed instantly, and Chas. Hill, another breakman, resident of this city, had his leg broken, rendering amputation necessary. We are pleased to state that none of the passengers in the Philadelphia train were injured. A fireman attached to it, belonging to Baltimore, named James Merret, had his leg broken, was very seriously scalded, and subsequently died. The Hon. Daniel Webster, who was a passenger in the train from Baltimore, we are glad to say, escaped even the slightest injury. Immediately after the accident, a special messenger was despatched to Baltimore for medical aid, and took back with him, Drs. Dunbar, Stoner, and Thobold, who rendered their valuable services to the unfortunate sufferers.—Baltimore Patriot May 6.

A slip from the office of the Philadelphia Chronicle contains an account of the above disaster. From it we learn that the train from Philadelphia was traveling at the rate of seventeen miles an hour when the accident occurred, whilst the train from Baltimore was going comparatively slow. The Chronicle extra further states that Mr. Durand, a grandson of the Hon. Henry Clay, was sitting on the fourth bench; when discovered, he was jammed into a space of about 3 inches. It was with great difficulty that he was removed, when it was ascertained that he was not injured in the least. His clothes were torn into shreds, his flesh chafed a little, but he was not at all severely hurt. It is a miracle how he was saved—the passengers who aided him out, say it is almost incredible.

And farther that a meeting was held on the boat, at which the Hon. Daniel Webster presided. A series of resolutions was offered and adopted, the purport of which we learn to be, that the meeting condole with the friends of the dead and the injured, and censure those who allowed the upper train to proceed from Hayde de Grace, when it was known that the lower end train had positive orders to reach that place without stopping.—Baltimore Chron., May 1.

Earthquake.—Information has been received at Charleston, South Carolina, by my arrival from St. Thomas, that a severe shock of an earthquake was experienced at that place about ten o'clock on the morning of the 13th ult. It caused a great excitement for some hours, and numbers of the inhabitants left their houses and fled into the streets for security. We are happy to learn, however, that no damage was sustained. It is thought, however, from the direction of the roaring and the violence of the shock, that the effects may have been disastrous to the windward islands.—Republican.

A prospectus has been issued for a new paper at Nauvoo, to be entitled the "Nauvoo Expositor," and intended to be the organ of the new, or seceding sect of Mormons, who have renounced Jo Smith and set up for themselves.

Cahokia, a pleasant village four or five miles below St. Louis, the inhabitants of which rely upon the productions of their gardens for their support, is almost entirely inundated.

The Pittsburgh Age, of the 14th, notices the passage of about one hundred Mormons through that city, on their route to Nauvoo.

FUNERALS.

The FUNERAL of the late HENRY C. DRAPER, of Ashley, will be preached on Friday, June 7th, by the Rev. Richard Bond, at the Methodist Church, in Ashley, on which occasion the Masonic Lodge, of Clarksville, will perform the honors due to deceased Masons.

The funeral of Mr. PHILLIP ORR, by the Rev. J. W. Campbell, at the "Republican," near Ashley, will be preached on Sunday, the 3d of June.

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STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF PIKE.

Pike Circuit Court, April Term, 1844.

THE following appears as part of the proceedings of said court on the Sixth day of said term, viz:

Benjamin P. Clifford, } Covenant by
Richard Kerr, } Attachment.

AUGUST ELECTION.

Mr. Adams—By announcing the name of George Marzolf, as a candidate to fill the office of Justice of the Peace, you will oblige many citizens of the western part of Cuivre Township.

MANY VOTERS.

May 15th, 1844.

Mr. Adams—Please announce my name as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace for the western division of Cuivre Township, at the next August Election.

S. S. SOUTH.

May 11, 1844.

Mr. Adams—Please announce William Nalle, as a candidate for the Sheriff of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

MANY VOTERS.

We are authorized to announce William G. Goode, of Calumet township, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

March 5th, 1844.

J. P. Hubbard, offers himself as a candidate for the office of Constable of Cuivre Township, at the ensuing August Election.

Bowling Green, March 9th, 1844.

Ms. Editor: You will please announce my name as a candidate for the Sheriff of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

J. G. RODGERS.

Bowling Green, Feb. 24th, 1844.

We are authorized to announce S. W. Finley, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

Mr. Adams—Please publish my name as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Pike County, at the next August election.

W. G. HAWKINS.

April 20th, 1844.

We are authorized to announce James A. Ross, as a candidate for the Sheriff of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

February 24th, 1844.

We are authorized to announce Joseph C. Allison, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

March 29th, 1844. 1y21

We are authorized to announce Leonidas M. Rodens, as a candidate for the office of Constable of Cuivre Township, at the ensuing August election.

We are authorized to announce Thomas Casel, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Pike County, at the ensuing August election.

March 29th, 1844.

We are authorized to announce Josias Irvine, as a candidate for Constable of Cuivre Township, at the ensuing August election.

Jan. 19th, 1844.

I offer myself as the Democratic candidate for Constable of Buffalo township, against Mr. Samuel C. Allison of same township, and am ready to meet him on the stump at all times and in all places, during the canvass.

REES B. DOAK.

May 10th, 1844. 4w27.

STATE OF MISSOURI, I. SS.

County of Pike.

Pike Circuit Court, April Term, 1844.

James Pickett, } Petition in
} ss. Debt by at-
James Burbridge, } tachments.

GW. here comes said plaintiff by his Attorney, and the defendant being three times solemnly called, comes not, but makes default and it appearing from the Sheriff's return, that the defendant cannot be summoned. It is ordered by the court that the defendant be notified that the plaintiff has commenced an action of Detinuit in Attachment against him, for the sum of one hundred and thirty seven dollars, and eighty two cents, and that his property has been attached, and that unless he be found in the court at the next term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House in Bowling Green, in said County of Pike, on the third Monday of September next, and on or before the third day thereafter, judgment will be rendered against him, and his property sold to satisfy the same. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in some newspaper printed in this State for four weeks successively and continued.

STATE OF MISSOURI, I. SS.

County of Pike.

L. Simeon P. Robinson, Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of the order.

Witness my hand and official seal
Seal Done at office in Bowling Green,
in said County, this the 4th day of May, A D 1844.

S. P. ROBINSON, Clerk.

May 12th, 1844. 4w27.

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